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Birthday Banquet

"V for Victory" was the theme of the annual Bryan Birthday Banquet, Thursday evening, March 19, at 6:30 o'clock. The banquet room was decorated in red, white and blue, with candles set in "V" candlelabra. The flag of our country and the Christian flag stood behind the speakers' table.

President Rudd presided as toastmaster over a very interesting program.

Rev. Dr. T. W. Callaway, pastor of the St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga, was the principal speaker of the evening, bringing the message, "Victory Through Christ," in which he outlined the Christian victory in Christ over sin.

Warren Oliff, president of the senior class and a recently elected member of "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," gave a short biography of Bryan, entitled, "Highlights of Bryan's Life."

Special music for the program was composed by Prof. J. W. Hartman, teacher of voice at the University. "The Victory Song" by Professor Hartman featured a chorus of seven men's voices chosen from the student body. "Come Unto Me," also by Professor Hartman, was sung by a ladies' trio composed of the Misses Norma Rankin, Leona Wilson, and Gloria Hartman.

Guests at the banquet, along with faculty, staff members and students, were local members of the board of trustees and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker, Mr. E. B. Arnold, and Mr. F. E. Robinson, chairman of the Board; Mrs. J. S. Frazier, member of the advisory committee; Mr. E. R. Walton, field secretary for the University, and Mrs. Craig Gabbert, daughter of Mr. Robinson, were also guests.

We are always glad to help out when we can. It has been our intention for several days now to forward you this check, and your letter has only served to let us know of the unusual occasion for helping now. (New York).

God bless you; we are praying for you. (Illinois).

Thank You

In response to the Birthday Anniversary Letter there have been a number of gifts received bearing no information as to the sender. We take this, our only physical means, of expressing our thanks to these friends to whom we cannot, of course, write personal thanks. Your gifts will be used faithfully in the Lord's work. May He definitely bless you in sharing the ministry of Bryan University, for our praying and contributing friends most assuredly do share that ministry with the workers on Bryan Hill.

GROUNDS IMPROVED

The Seniors, with Dean Ryther, class sponsor, recently set out to beautify the campus by planting approximately 300 iris bulbs, 800 military lilies, twenty or more lilac bushes, and a number of other pieces of shrubbery and trees, including japonica, ivy, white peach, and pussy willow. The flowers were a gift from Mrs. Emma McSmith, local friend of the University. Other bushes and plants have been given to the school by Mrs. George West, Mrs. John Arnold, and Mrs. Lois Hodges.

The annual campus cleanup, when students and faculty left offices and classrooms to remove leaves, dead limbs and other unsightly articles, further helped to make the appearance of the University more attractive.

We think of the work being done at Bryan often and pray you will be able to carry on in these dark days. The world needs the news of salvation more than ever. (Delaware).

SPECIAL NOTICE

Throughout the columns of this issue are to be found, printed in italics, a very few of the many appreciated, encouraging letters from some who contributed to the work of the University. They are typical of the friendly greetings frequently received from our friends. We regret our inability to print more. Read them—they will be a source of blessing to you.

Generous Response

Although a final report on the returns from the annual birthday letter must await the next issue of NEWS-ETTE, it can be definitely stated that many old and not a few new friends have recognized the need of continuing the work of the University and have contributed generously. Those whom the Lord has called to the actual teaching and administrative work of the University sincerely thank you, not failing to praise and thank Him for this response, nor forgetting to ask that they might be given the very great wisdom and foresight needed to carry on the work under the unstable conditions now existing in the world.

Let us all realize fully that the task to which we have set ourselves—this task and privilege of training young men and women—is one of great importance, that it is not *your* task nor *my* task alone but *our* task together, that it will continue to require a willing and cheerful sacrifice on the part of both worker and contributor. May God give to us all the means and the will to carry on.

CHILD EVANGELISM

Two interesting chapel programs have been presented recently by classes of the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Members of the South Dayton class, taught by Lola Goehring, in addition to singing choruses and quoting Scripture verses, told the story of the Wordless Book, using colors to illustrate the plan of salvation.

An interesting feature of Ruth Clement's class from Hill City was the singing of several Spanish choruses.

The class from Kelly's Hollow, taught by Peggy Lynch and Grace Levengood, brought applause from the audience by their enviable ability to name the books of the Bible. They also told the story of the gospel in a nutshell.

Over one hundred children are reached each week by the Child Evangelism Fellowship here.

Your letter today touched me deeply. I know you need money and prayers; you are always in my prayers, but we have not much money. (Pennsylvania).

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—God Above All—

WET ARMY CAMPS

(Editor's note: This institution does not believe in a freedom of speech which permits harmful criticism of or disrespect for the government of the United States. It continues to support the government in its war effort, to the extent of whatever personal sacrifice may be asked. But it cannot ignore governmental policies which tend to defeat those war efforts, nor can it support conditions which are opposed to high moral and truly American ideals. We therefore endorse most heartily the following editorial from "The Christian Index" and commend it to our governing bodies as worthy of their careful consideration.)

America is building a war machine, ostensibly for defense. President Roosevelt has called America the arsenal of democracy. Thousands of industries in the country are turning out the tools of war, and millions of young men are being drafted for training and disciplinary purposes. On the continent of Europe, embattled democracies have not been able to withstand the assault of sober, well-disciplined Nazi troops, who are said not to use intoxicating liquor. To one who visited German cities before the war, this seems like a fairy tale, for, when Hitler set up his regime, breweries and beer gardens were then the favorite resorts of old and young alike. But Hitler is a teetotaler and is said to be fired with a passion for his country, the success of his army and navy and the establishment of the social state. He knows the insidious effect of beer. Although his revolution was born in a beer saloon, it is to his credit that his army is not dominated by brewers and its ranks filled with men under its deleterious effects. Not so in America. The President and members of his cabinet authorized the sale of beer inside the training camps, and insist on maintaining the status quo.

A recent news item from Religious News Service says: "A resolution

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER

Dear Dean,

Last year I sent a check of sixty-five dollars for the birthday fund—one dollar for each year that the great man Bryan lived. But he still lives—the last seventeen years—in the lives of the people he blessed and inspired. And he shall live on; his spirit cannot die. Scores and hundreds of young people shall go out from Bryan University honoring and preserving the principles to which he gave his life. He is not dead—his spirit is marching on.

I enclose a check for eighty-two dollars—sixty-five in memory of the years he lived and seventeen in memory of the years his spirit has been marching on. May we incline our ears to hear the majestic treadings of that great man and resolve that we, too, shall keep the faith.

Love and greetings to all of you at Bryan University!

Faithfully yours,

DR. AND MRS. HOUCK,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

AN EXPLANATION

Each year some of our friends send in gifts shortly before we send out the Annual Birthday Letter. Since mailing out the Letter is such a large undertaking, at best, we find it necessary to send it to all of the friends on our mailing list, without eliminating the names of those who have given recently. We know that some friends receive the letter who are unable to do more than pray, but through receiving this birthday report they are enabled to pray more intelligently. We are sure that many unexpected gifts, sometimes the largest ones, come in response to the prayers of the friends unable to give anything themselves.

recommending that all churches of the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania refuse support of the United Service Organization because of 'liquor and vice conditions' in the immediate vicinity of army camps, was adopted by the Synod at its fifty-ninth annual conference here. . . . With such a debacle before them as the fall of France, which, according to her statesmen and soldiers, was due, in part, to liquor and syphilis, one is at a loss to understand the sale of beer to the "boys in the military and naval training camps who are preparing to defend their country. . . ." and the encouragement of prostitution in the vicinity of the camps.

WARREN LEE OLIFF



Warren Lee Oliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian W. Oliff, of Washington, D. C., has been at Bryan four years, during which time he has

become known as a very capable, dependable person.

Knowing him to be a veteran of the Dean's list and the occupant of a cherished corner in *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*, one is not surprised to learn that he has been both a member of the Student Council and president of his class for the past three years.

Academic honors alone are not his, for we have come to know him as desk librarian for the same three years and as business manager of the 1941 Commoner. Add to these the task of doing secretarial work, and we recognize in Warren one who has, indeed, made his mark in the University.

Majoring in Bible and spending his summers in mountain mission work in Kentucky are preliminary steps in preparation for his life work. He plans to enter Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, this fall.

CLARENCE LOWELL HOYT



If triple-tonguing a cornet, making oneself useful in the kitchen, playing supervisor to a big down-draft boiler, and at the same

time maintaining grades well above average are any indication of talent, Lowell must have it. Lowell came to Bryan from Indiana, but his mother, Mrs. Anna Hoyt, is now living 'way out in California.

Lowell, formerly vice-president and now treasurer of his class, has been a member of the Bryan family for three years, but after June tenth, with his English-major B.A. well in hand, he heads north to enter Grace Seminary, at Winona Lake, Indiana, where we expect him to maintain the same standards of Christian character and scholarship that he has manifested at Bryan. He looks forward to giving his life in the preaching of the Gospel.

We admire your courage. We believe also in His sufficient grace.

Bryan University

March Gift Receipts

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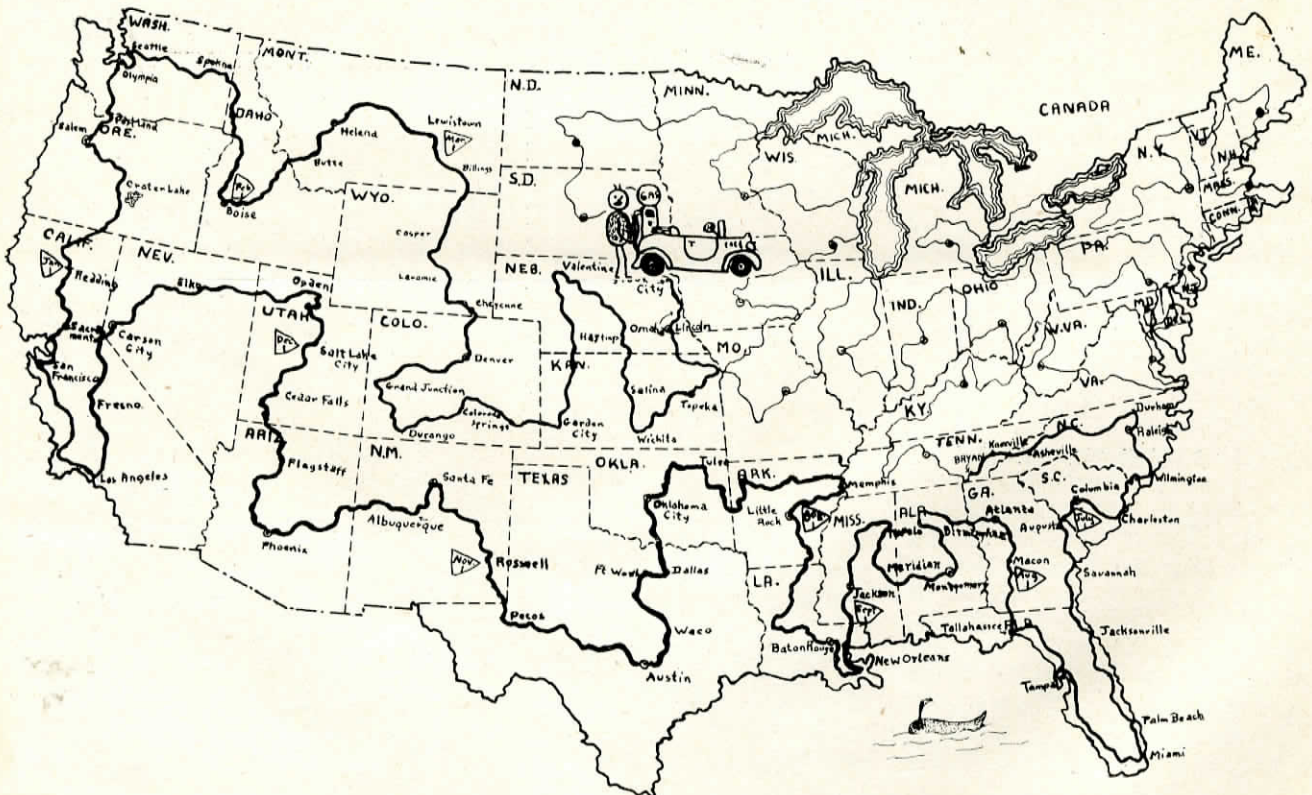
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Sam Rejoices

My, but wasn't last month a good one, compared to most of the others? With that special gift coming in from the estate and the good help of so many other friends, it sent me along the highway more than 3,000 miles. That was great!

Even so, there are still nearly 12,000 miles to go in just two months. I'm afraid some of my friends may think that the large gift will take care of so much that the smaller gifts are not needed. If you could just visit Bryan Hill and see how many, many needs there are, you'd want to see me reach Dayton by the last of May. Looks impossible right now, but this country has no place for quitters these days, and I'm not going to be the first one—no, sir! I'm driving right up to the last minute. I'll sure need your help, though.

Your interesting letter awoke such pleasant memories . . . It set me strolling in memory's park where I was again hearing the magnetic voice of William Jennings Bryan in one of Washington's large churches . . . No doubt this world war has brought changes in your school . . . Tennyson said, "Prayer changes things"—so it is up to every believer to pray and to recall the first verse of the twenty-fourth psalm. (Georgia).



GRACE LEVENGOOD



Grace Alberta Levengood, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Levengood, has been at Bryan for four years, coming from New Bedford, Ohio, when her father became Professor of Bible at the University.

"Gracie" is an important person around Bryan, for, besides being editor of *NEWSETTE*, she is private secretary to the Dean, and has spent her summer vacations working in the University office.

When Grace graduates, one of the veterans of the Dean's list will be gone, but so will one of Bryan's most all-round girls. Her "all-aroundness" is proved by the fact that she is listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges."

Assistant editor of the 1941 Commoner and an active member of the University Choir and Forensic Union, her chief interest has been in Child Evangelism work, through which she has ministered to the colored children of Dayton.

Grace is an English major who looks forward to entering the business world after graduation.

PRESIDENT TRAVELS

President Judson A. Rudd left Monday, March 23, for a ten-day trip into Canada, where he was a guest at the commencement exercises and Bible conference of the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada.

Prairie Bible Institute is a school standing for the same faith Bryan University upholds. It is also managed on much the same basis as Bryan. President Rudd received ideas and inspiration that will be of value here.

FINAL PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM ESTATE

The largest gift received during March, \$1,070.45, came as the final payment from the estate of Freeland S. Brown, late of the Borough of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Because of special financial need we had written the administrator recently to see whether he knew when this final payment could be made. We rejoice that the estate has been settled without legal difficulties.

SOPHOMORE HIKE

The Sophomore class, their guests, and the class sponsor, Professor McMurry, enjoyed a picnic supper and hike up the Gulch Saturday evening, March 28.

The hikers moved briskly off the hill at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon and hiked to the Gulch, there to explore the caves, scramble over rocks, and enjoy the falls until dark.

HELEN JEAN HARRISON



"I didn't think I'd like it when I came," Helen Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison, of Evensville, Tennessee, has

often said, but, after hearing her cheerful laughter for the past four years and seeing her take part in almost every activity the University affords, we are convinced that she does like it.

Managing a dining hall is no small task, but Helen has distinguished herself by the capable and efficient manner in which she has carried on her work as head waitress of the University dining hall.

Knowing Helen's interest in photography, we do not wonder that she was Photograph Editor of the 1941 Commoner. Photography being only one of her many interests, Helen shoulders a gun in the Rifle Club, sings in the University Choir, and is an active member of the Forensic Union.

Another of Helen's pet activities is her Child Evangelism class in the grade school for colored children in Dayton, where she has been a faithful worker for the past two years.

An English major, Helen is greatly interested in secretarial work and plans to work in an office after graduation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS MISSED?

If you are one who has failed to receive regularly the copies of the Sunday School lessons prepared by Dr. Gregg, we offer apologies and the explanation that trouble with the Addressograph equipment is responsible. Despite two visits of the repairman and assurances that the trouble had been corrected, the machine has failed to operate properly at times. We shall continue to do all possible to prevent such troubles in the future. Please be sure to let us know if lessons do not arrive.

We are only too happy to have a share in giving a little to a University which we have learned to be proud of and appreciate more since we have left than perhaps when we were enrolled there as students. We expect to hear that God has wonderfully blessed on this occasion of the memorial of Bryan's birthday. (New Jersey).

MARCH GIFT RECEIPTS

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1745	1.00		
1746	2.00		
1747	10.00	Total	\$3,190.07

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